
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
University of New Orleans

Internal Management Directive IMD – 85.007

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SUBJECT: Research Council

PURPOSE

To enhance and provide direction to the research environment at the University of New Orleans, the Office of Research has created the Research Council. This council is responsible for recommending to the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, policies and procedures to enhance the research, creative and scholarly activities of the university. Research Council will ensure that the university maintains or grows from, the Carnegie classification of Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity, or R-2.

DEFINITIONS

Board of Regents Center/Institute – (from [BoR](#) website)

Proposals for new centers, institutes, and other similar academic/research units (both intra- and inter- institutional) that are organized and structured around a broad-ranging, interdisciplinary research effort.

Center - The primary purpose of a Center is to conduct research, but closely related academic or public service activities may also be included. A center typically resides within an existing academic unit (college, department) and reports to the head of that unit, but may cross college lines and report to a senior academic officer. A center is not directly involved in the offering of courses for credit or degree programs. A center may also serve as a formalized link between the academic community and the professional community. A center should also facilitate efforts of the institution to attract external funding for related research.

Institute - The primary purpose of an Institute is to conduct research and offer associated instruction, but closely related academic or public service activities may also be included. An institute is typically an autonomous unit which reports directly to an academic dean or chief academic/research officer. An institute may serve as a formalized link between the academic community and the professional community. An institute may independently offer courses for credit and/or degree programs. An institute should also facilitate efforts of the institution to attract external funding for related research.

Carnegie classification R2: Doctoral Universities – High research activity – Includes institutions that awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees during the update year. Includes only institutions that awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees and had at least \$5 million in total research expenditures (as reported through the National Science Foundation (NSF) Higher Education Research & Development Survey (HERD)).

GENERAL POLICY

Members of Research Council will serve in an advisory role to the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. The council will serve as a forum for researchers to discuss and make recommendations to improve policies and procedures related to the research enterprise. Research Council will recognize excellence in research, creativity and scholarly activities.

AUTHORITY

Internal Management Directives, IMDs, are issued in accord with AP-OP-01.1.

POLICY

Research Council will recommend to the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, policies and procedures to enhance the research, creative and scholarly activities of the university. These policies and procedures will be targeted to ensure that the university maintains or grows from, the Carnegie classification of Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity, or R-2.

Membership:

The Vice President for Research and Economic Development is the appointing authority for membership on the council. Members of the council will be active researchers and scholars in their respective discipline.

Generally, members are tenured faculty who maintain an active research, scholarly, or creative agenda, extramural support for research and serve a three-year term. Members may serve two consecutive terms without a break in service.

The following areas will have two (2) representatives on the Research Council:

- College of Business
- College of Engineering
- College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development
- College of Sciences

The following areas will have one (1) representative on the Research Council:

- Faculty Senate (may also represent one of the other classifications)
- Library
- Board of Regents approved centers and institutes with the purpose of research and with current extramural support for research (external grants and contracts through the Office of Research)
 - AMRI
 - PIES
 - UNOCC
 - GULF-SCEI
 - HRC
 - CHART
 - UNO-TI
 - \$250,000 per year over last 3 years
 - Awards or expenditures
 - The VPR may issue an exception to allow a center/institute with lower funding amounts. Examples may include:
 - Series of smaller awards that strengthen economic activities with the community
 - Meaningful scholarly activity
 - Majority vote of the Research Council

Ex-Officio:

- Vice President for Research and Economic Development
- Assistant Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Participation in Meetings

Council members with two (2) consecutive absences at regularly scheduled meetings may be replaced. Council members who miss three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in an academic year may be replaced.

Members will bring colleagues concerns to the council. After meetings, member will communicate Research Council business back to their department and colleagues to ensure that council business is timely and relevant to the research community.

Responsibilities

Members of Research Council

1. Attend regularly scheduled meetings and communicate research agenda with colleagues across campus
2. Review and determine successful applications for research internal grants, faculty awards and other such programs as established by the Office of Research
3. Review and recommend research centers and institutes
4. Sponsor and participate in an annual research award ceremony
5. Communicate with colleagues regarding research, creativity and scholarship initiatives at the university
6. Sponsor and participate in an annual research symposium to highlight research, creativity and scholarship for all employees and students of the university
7. Review and determine successful applications for tenants in the Research and Technology Park

Office of Research

1. Schedule Research Council meetings in advance
2. Conduct competitive internal grant program, faculty awards and other programs to enhance the research enterprise
3. Organize the review and recommendation of research centers and institutes
4. Direct an annual research award ceremony to recognize faculty, staff and students efforts in research, creativity and scholarly activities
5. Foster a collaborative and interdisciplinary culture that values, rewards and celebrates research, creativity and scholarship across campus
6. Host and coordinate an annual research symposium to highlight research, creativity and scholarship for all employees and students of the university
7. Review and determine successful applications for tenants in the Research and Technology Park